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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Arrivals of South African peaches, plums, pears and grapes on the British market are attracting the attention of fruit retailers away from apples and oranges, according to a cable received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. At the Liverpool fruit auction on Friday, the prices paid for Virginia barreled apples were about the same as for the preceding week. There was no sale this week of Oregon and California Yellow Newtowns.

Nova Scotian Starks in good condition brought $5.35 to $5.84 per barrel at Liverpool Friday as compared with $5.35 to $5.72 on February 15. Ben Davis from Nova Scotia brought $4.14 yo $4.26 for fruit in good condition against $4.01 to $4.56 on February 15.

Only light supplies of Maine Baldwins were available for the Liverpool auction on Friday. The fruit was in generally good condition and the demand was active, with U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch bringing $7.42 to $8.03. Ben Davis from Maine were also in light supply, but the condition of the fruit was only fair and the demand was slow. Unclassified Ben Davis in fair condition brought about $4.74.

Liberal supplies of Washington Winesaps were on hand for the Friday auction. The fruit was in generally good condition and the demand showed improvement. Extra Fancy Einesaps, size 150/163/175 in good condition sold for $2.80 to $3.04 as compared with $2.68 to $2.74 on February 15. Extra Fancy, 188 and smaller, Winesaps brought $2.43 to $2.92 against $2.55 in the previous week. Fancy grade, 150/163/175 sold for $2.68 to $2.86 against $2.55, while 188 and smaller fruit of the same grade brought $2.43 to $2.68 compared with $2.43 to $2.49 on February 15.

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